

to safe energy sources will help promote stability, development, and prosperity in the region.

Kazakhstan has also been a strong U.S. partner in our efforts to combat terrorism and extremism in the region—particularly in Afghanistan. Under the leadership of President Nazarbayev, Kazakhstan has continued to provide indispensable aid to U.S. troops in Afghanistan. They have not only helped assist the Afghan National Security Forces to promote security and stability, but have also contributed to the Northern Distribution Network. I look forward to President Nazarbayev's visit to the United States and a healthy exchange of ideas about how our government can work with Kazakhstan in promoting human rights and the rule of law.

At a time when the world is increasingly unstable due to the rise of non-state actors and conflicts across the Middle East, Kazakhstan has proven itself as a reliable U.S. partner in the region—one we can count on to advance our shared goals. As Kazakhstan serves on the United Nations Security Council, it is my belief that there is a bright future ahead for our collaboration in advancing peace and security.

HONORING MR. SAMUEL K.
BEAMON, SR.

HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 11, 2018

Ms. ESTY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sam Beamon, a native of Waterbury, Connecticut. The Waterbury Fellowship of Christian Churches will be recognizing Sam at their annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Service for Sam's lifelong commitment to public service and his leadership in Connecticut's African American community. Sam has spent his career in service to others both in the military and as a civilian, and his dedicated work and perpetually friendly demeanor have made him an instrumental and beloved member of the Waterbury community.

Sam's interest in serving his country began at a young age, and he joined the Young Marines in 1960. He later served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War and earned numerous commendations for his service, including 16 Air Medals, the Combat Action Ribbon, and the Good Conduct Medal. Upon returning to Connecticut, Sam joined the Waterbury Police Department in 1970 and rose through the department's ranks to fill a number of important roles, as well as stepping into a vital role as an advocate for African Americans and breaking down institutional racial barriers. During his nearly three-decade career with the Department, Sam worked as an Accident Investigator, a radar operator, and on the SWAT Team.

Throughout his career and after his retirement, Sam has also been active in a number of civic organizations and causes. He has been an advocate for veterans in Waterbury and across Connecticut, and, in 2014, Sam became the chairman of the Waterbury Veteran's Memorial Committee. He has also worked to improve the lives of and opportunities for young people, particularly those who face socioeconomic challenges, to pursuing

meaningful opportunities to engage with their community.

Mr. Speaker, Sam Beamon has spent his life in service to his country and community, and it is proper that we honor him on MLK Day for his countless contributions. I consider myself lucky to have had the opportunity to work with Sam and even luckier to count him among my friends.

TRAFFICKING AND OTHER VICTIMS' RIGHTS GROUPS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 11, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following list of trafficking and other victims' rights groups:

1. American Society of Victimology
2. Futures Without Violence
3. International Organization for Victims Assistance (IOVA)
4. Justice for Children
5. Justice Solutions
6. National Alliance to End Sexual Violence (NAESV)
7. National Association of Crime Victim Compensation Boards (NACVCB)
8. National Association of Victim Assistance Administrators (NAVAA)
9. National Center for Victims of Crime
10. National Chapter of Parents of Murdered Children (NCPOMC)
11. National Children's Alliance (NCA)
12. National Criminal Justice Association
13. National Crime Victim Law Institute
14. National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV)
15. National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV)
16. National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA)
17. Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN)
18. Security on Campus
19. Stop Child Predators
20. Witness Justice
21. Shared Hope
22. Penelope's House
23. Center for Child Protection and Family Support
24. Texas Association Against Sexual Assault
25. Texas Council on Family Violence
26. Rights4Girls
27. PROTECT
28. National Network 4 Youth
29. Children at Risk
30. Justice Fellowship
31. Community Action Stops Abuse (CASA)
32. SEARCH
33. End Child Prostitution and Trafficking (ECPAT-USA)
34. Demand Abolition
35. Equality Now
36. Polaris
37. State/Peace Corps Victims Advisory Board
38. Tahiri
39. National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC)
40. Foster Family-based Treatment Association
41. Silence is not Compliance

42. Thorn
43. Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking (CAST)
44. Love 146
45. Saving Innocence
46. Hope for Justice
47. Breaking Free
48. Hope Against Trafficking
49. Not for Sale
50. Run 2 Rescue
51. Slavery Footprint
52. Truckers Against Trafficking
53. 8th Day Center for Justice
54. Free the Slaves
55. Physicians for Human Rights
56. Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women
57. Save the Children
58. United Against Human Trafficking
59. HEAL Trafficking: Health, Education, Advocacy, Linkage
60. Alliance to End Slavery and Trafficking
61. Courtney's House
62. Stop Child Slavery
63. Freedom Place
64. Clery Center for Security on Campus
65. Children's Assessment Center
66. Ending Child Slavery at the Source
67. Covenant House
68. Joy International
69. International Safe Travels Foundation
70. Arc of Hope
71. Voices of Justice
72. My Life My Choice
73. Fair Girls
74. Colors of Hope
75. Pearls Inc.
76. Zoe Children's Home
77. Phantom Rescue
78. Anti-Slavery
79. Bryan's House
80. New Life, New Hope
81. #HelpErase
82. Dallas LIFE Shelter
83. Stop the Traffik
84. Generation Freedom
85. Nest Foundation
86. Restore NYC
87. The End It Movement
88. The Exodus Road
89. Tiny Hands International
90. Everyone's Kids
91. For the Sake of One
92. Hagar International
93. Fast 21
94. Traffick911
95. Free the Captives
96. Beauty from Ashes
97. Gems
98. Her Resiliency
99. Amnesty International
100. Pillars of Hope

SAFER STREETS ACT

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 11, 2018

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Safer Streets Act which creates a new grant program that focuses on violent crime in our local communities. Reducing violent crime should be a priority for the federal government.

In my district 228 people were killed in 2016. The deadliest year in two decades. In